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Study advises significant changes to County Rd 21

County council considers
upgrades to improve
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Staff Reporter

Engineering firm AECOM Canada Ltd. is recommending a number of changes for County Road 21 where it enters Haliburton Village, to make the area a more complete part of the community.

Councillors on Haliburton County's planning committee received the 45-page traffic corridor assessment study during a Nov. 22 committee meeting. The study includes a host of recommendations for making the stretch of County Road 21 from the Whispering Pines housing complex into the village adhere to a "complete streets" philosophy.

As the study explains, this means providing, "all people, regardless of their age, ability, or mode of transportation with safe and healthy travel options throughout their community. A connected network of bikeable, walkable streets can support increased property values and access to jobs, improved safety, improved traffic operations, improved community

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Shindig warms hearts and homes



Dame Beatrice (who looks a lot like Mike Jaycock) and Elf (who is strikingly similar to Lorraine McNeil) say goodbye for another year at the Highlands Christmas Shindig variety show at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Saturday, Nov. 25. The production involved local designers, comedians, actors and musicians. The event raised more than \$22,000 for Fuel for Warmth. More on page 10. /JENN WATT Staff

County price tag for Hometown Hockey about \$16K

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Hosting Rogers Hometown Hockey in October ultimately cost Haliburton County just less than \$16,000.

A follow up report on the event, which took place in Haliburton Village Oct. 14 and 15, was received by members of the county's tourism committee during a Nov. 22 meeting.

During a September council meeting, councillors discovered the county was expected to cover some costs, including signage and security, and some others.

It was unclear at the time exactly what those expenses might total, but was indicated that signage and security could cost in the neighbourhood of \$10,000, respectively.

The report received last week from county tourism director Amanda Virtanen shows the final expenses for the

county to be approximately \$16,000.

Some \$5,300 was spent on shuttle buses bringing residents to Head Lake Park, where the festival took place; another \$2,000 spent on bussing to get students from throughout the county to a special event that took place at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School the Friday of the event weekend.

"The event served as a great platform to gather all students (first time ever, to see HALIBURTON page 2

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Crisis service gaps study hits home for local family

JENN WATT

Editor

A story in the *Echo* that a study had been done of crisis services, identifying the gaps and providing recommendations was news to Naomi, a local resident who has attempted to use those services in the past.

Naomi, whose name has been changed to protect the privacy of her family, said about two years ago she called the 24-hour crisis line run by Four Counties Crisis looking for help for her son.

"He was [at a point] where he was going to harm himself," she said in an interview with the paper. "I ended up talking to him for hours on the phone, calming him down. For hours."

Naomi had called the crisis line, which went to voicemail. She said she left a clear message with the nature of her crisis and her contact information.

"I was hoping somebody would answer but when they didn't I thought OK, so I sat around all that evening talking to [my son] and waiting for a call back. It never came. That was two years ago and I've never, ever heard a word," she said.

The family has never used the 24-hour service again.

"You kind of lose faith after that," she said.

Naomi's son has struggled with mental health issues for much of his life. He is in his 20s, is in a stable relationship and has family that supports him.

It makes Naomi wonder what things would be like for someone who doesn't have the supports needed.

Issues with local mental health services

aren't isolated to the 24-hour crisis line, however.

Naomi said that for those who want to work and lead a "normal" life, the hours and availability of counsellors doesn't do much to help.

"[My son] was put on the list for Ross Memorial [Hospital] counselling services, which were great, but they wanted him to come during work hours and he wouldn't give up work," she said. Naomi says, for him, working has been the best thing to help combat mental health challenges.

She suggested having counselling available on weekends or evenings could go a long way to supporting people who need help, but are trying to hold onto their employment.

Last month, the *Echo* featured a story about two reports compiled by the Central East Local Health Integration Network. Those reports reviewed crisis services for the region and found that for the Haliburton area, there were improvements to be made, including with the voicemail system.

While the helpline is 24-7, if not enough staff are available for the call volumes, people in crisis have to leave a voicemail message.

Part of the LHIN's review was a one-month pilot study over 30 days in November of 2014.

During that month, 1,223 calls came in to the crisis line with 155 of those going to voicemail. The study found that 87 per cent of the voicemail messages were retrieved with 20 calls classified as "failed retrieval."

Unclear voicemail messages, no information left, high call volumes and no call-back requested were reasons given.

"When an immediate telephone response is not possible, callers are routed

to voicemail as no provider offers the option for callers to hold in queue and wait for an available operator," the review found.

The authors of the study costed a live crisis line system at Four Counties Crisis, giving an estimate of \$15,000 to change the system and \$200,000 annually for additional staff.

That costing was a recommendation from the study, however, the LHIN has no immediate plans to change the voicemail system.

A representative from the Central East LHIN told the *Echo* in an interview earlier this year that the review documents would be considered in mental health and addictions planning going forward.



Shoppers Drug Mart opens new Highland St. store

Aimee Mansfield, centre left, and Breanne Mansfield, centre right, cut the ceremonial ribbon to open Shoppers Drug Mart on Saturday, Nov. 25 in Haliburton. The local drugstore relocated to the larger space on Highland Street. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

Haliburton Highlands reached millions, tourism director says

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our knowledge) and also built up excitement for the festival weekend," Virtanen's report reads. "The visit included a hockey-themed 'circus show,' the Hometown Hockey mascot and videos. After the visit, all of the students met on the field of the high school for a drone photo captured by County of Haliburton staff. This footage was used in the Rogers Sportsnet broadcast, by the schools and widely throughout social media."

Signage ended up costing just more than \$10,000, security just more than \$6,000. Another \$300 was spent on marketing for an approximate total of \$23,800.

This amount was offset by a grant from Hydro One for \$6,000, and contributions from the lower-tier municipalities for the shuttle service totally approximately \$1,800.

Virtanen told councillors at the meeting that some signage was sold to Orillia for \$400, dropping the county's total to less than \$16,000.

"Approximately 4,000 people came out to the festival over the course of the weekend," Virtanen told councillors. "Based on feedback from the Rogers team and the SDI marketing team that worked with Rogers and what staff witnessed during the broadcast, the Haliburton Highlands had one of the best turnouts of any tour stop, despite being the smallest location ever visited in terms of population. Both SDI marketing and the team at Rogers continue to send kudos and have said that the Haliburton Highlands set a new standard for the event. So we're really, really proud of that."

The weekend's festivities culminated with a live broadcast from Head Lake Park featuring TV personalities Ron MacLean and Tara Slone.

According to Virtanen's report, the

Haliburton Highlands received significant exposure from the event.

"The Haliburton Highlands received 9.1 million consumer impressions over the course of the festival, including pre/post mentions across broadcast, print, radio and social media," the report reads.

"Of that, 6.5 million came from the Hockey Night in Canada which aired on Saturday, Oct. 14 and included promotion of the show and 1.9 million from the Rogers Hometown Hockey pre-game and game broadcast with aired on Sunday, Oct. 15. Looking at the total cost per consumer impression, it would be at a cost of \$0.001."

Virtanen said there were a number of community benefactors, including notably the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association, which received a \$15,000 donation from Scotiabank.

The hockey club received an additional \$500 from Rogers as team players collected garbage, and additional proceeds from a barbecue run by the local Lions and Rotary clubs. Virtanen also noted that Haliburton Hockey Haven, which was featured in one of the broadcast's segments, had received a spike in traffic to its website and chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said restaurants in Haliburton were busy throughout the course of the weekend.

"We were kind of all waiting, I think, for this wrap up," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, adding the total was not the \$25,000 figure "that a number of people got very upset about, without justification. It was unfortunate that, there were some attacks on the whole process without ever having seen the final numbers. If it came in at 50 grand, yes, there'd be a bit of a reckoning, but to not even wait until the final metrics were in, I think was a bit unfair on the part of some people."

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Multiple changes suggested for 21 west of village

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health, and better air quality. Particularly relevant to our study area, the Complete Streets approach can enable older adults to age in place and help children get to and from school."

The recommendations include a gateway feature near the Whispering Pines building along with road painting to let motorists know they are entering a community area and encourage them to drop their speed; a multi-use pathway up to three metres wide that would run alongside County Road 21 and allow for safe, multi-modal transportation; pedestrian crossings that would connect that pathway with the existing pathway near Halbiem Crescent; an intersection upgrade at Industrial Park Road; a commercial corridor that would consolidate entrances and reduce entrance sizes; a widening of the corridor to allow for left-hand turn lanes; a speed display board and increased speed signage; and a closure or partial closure of the Wallings Road entrance, redirecting that traffic through Halbiem Crescent.

"Full closure of Wallings Road is recommended to eliminate the safety concerns associated with limited sight distance at this intersection," the study reads. "Bus traffic from Haliburton Bus Lines will use a driveway from their property onto Halbiem Crescent, which will be constructed at about 250 metres from the County Road 21 intersection. Residential traffic from Wallings Road will be directed to a new road connection constructed on the existing unopened right-of-way adjacent to 191 Halbiem, which is about 400 metres from County Road 21."

Under that plan, pedestrians and cyclists would continue to access County

Road 21 at the Wallings Road intersection.

"There are a number of implications on locally managed roads," county planner Charley White said of the study, indicating that copies would be sent to Dysart et al council.

Dysart et al Deputy-mayor Andrea Roberts questioned some of the study's recommendations, including the proposed location of pedestrian crosswalks, at locations such as Halbiem Crescent and the high school.

"That's not where people cross," Roberts said.

"But they will," said Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton, indicating that people were likely to cross wherever the crosswalks were created.

Roberts also took issue with the suggested closure of the Walling Road entrance.

"There have not been accidents there," Roberts said, explaining residents drive carefully at the intersection. "That seemed a little excessive to me."

Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey said the elevation of the Head Lake bridge near the high school should have been lowered during construction at the site last year, in order to improve sight lines.

"But nobody listened," Fearrey said.

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said the recommendations of the study represent a total transformation of that section of County Road 21.

"Right now, that area still looks like a highway," Moffatt said, saying it made sense to transform it into a more pedestrian-friendly area, "so you can push your stroller, ride your bike, you're changing the entire dynamic of a piece of land."

Moffatt noted the County 21 corridor area is where development in Haliburton Village is happening, and will continue to happen.

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So, you can push your stroller, ride your bike, you're changing the entire dynamic of a piece of land.

— Algonquin Highlands Mayor
Carol Moffatt

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he found the logistics of the project strange, since it involves a county-owned asset that runs through the centre of a town that is the heart of one its lower-tier municipalities.

"To me, it's odd," Devolin said.

The recommendations in the study will be reviewed by county planner Charley White and road director Craig Douglas, who will draft a list of proposed projects and implementation policies, those recommendations coming back to council. Exactly how the funding for the projects would work is yet to be determined, and a report from White and Douglas noted that the development of corridor presented opportunities for public/private partnerships. At the meeting, White noted that developers can be asked to cover some costs.

The AECOM report can be reviewed in full by searching the Nov. 22 planning committee agenda on the Haliburton County website.

Partridge named warden for 2018

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Longtime Highlands East Deputy-mayor and county councillor Suzanne Partridge will be Haliburton County warden for 2018.

County chief administrative officer Mike Rutter announced during a Nov. 22 council meeting that Partridge was the sole nominee under a new election process for warden.

The warden is the head of county council, county council comprised of the mayors and deputy-mayors of each of the county's four lower-tier townships. County councillors elect a warden each year from among themselves, that individual representing the county at a provincial level.

Traditionally, nominations for warden have been made from the floor during an annual inauguration meeting. Traditionally, only one name is put forward. And while both mayors and deputy-mayors may become warden, the position typically goes to one of county's four mayors.

County council enacted a new process for the election of warden this year, where interested individuals had to submit nomination forms by a Nov. 15 deadline. Following that, had there been more than one nominee, councillors would have held an election.

Partridge will be sworn in as warden on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. in county council chambers on Newcastle Street in Minden.

A municipal politician for nearly 20 years, Partridge was reeve of Cardiff prior to amalgamation.

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This float, by Kashag Wood and Paint was called a "A Marry Redneck Krismas."



Dancers in this weekend's rendition of *The Nutcracker* were on the street during the parade to show off their costumes.



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Shoppers gives to HHHSF

Shoppers Drug Mart made a big commitment to the community while opening their new store location in Haliburton. The company gave \$4,500 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Representatives from the company and the community were on hand for the announcement. Holding the cheque from left, HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins, Shoppers pharmacist/owner Aimee Mansfield, MPP Laurie Scott, front store manager Breanne Mansfield and HHHSF chairman Peter Oyler. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

Chamber working on workforce development video

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has plans for a promotional video to strengthen the county's workforce and is canvassing local municipal councils for support.

Chamber manager Autumn Wilson paid visits to Dysart and Haliburton County councils last week, and is planning to visit the county's other lower-tier municipal councils as well, requesting funding for the project.

"It's no shock that employment is an issue in Haliburton County," Wilson said. "The talent pool is getting smaller, making it difficult for businesses to grow."

Using stats from the Fleming CREW Employment Centre, she said that as of Nov. 10, there were 183 job postings for Haliburton County, and that the actual number of available jobs was probably higher.

"Not a lot is done to attract the population we need for our economic development," Wilson said.

According to 2011 figures from Statistics Canada, there were 1,570 people in the local workforce aged 15 to 24; 2,425 aged 25 to 44; 6,225 aged 45 to 64; and 4,720 aged 65 and older.

"We really need more people in that 25 to 44 category," Wilson said.

According to information from the Workplace Development Board, by 2021, it's projected there will be more than 450 additional positions in the county by 2021, including cooks, retail managers and salespeople, registered nurses, nurse aides, facilities operators, landscaping and maintenance labourers, social and community service workers, general office support workers and carpenters.

The county also has fewer young people, with the student population at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School shrinking from 612 to 435 between 2009 and 2016.

"Our county needs more families in order to strengthen our workforce," Wilson said.

Wilson said the chamber is also trying to strengthen its partnership with the high

school and is looking at the concept of a careers day, where local employers would set up at the school and answer questions about what skills and educational criteria they are looking for, pay ranges, etc.

The concept for the video, which would be produced by Positive Media, is to market the community, through the aspects of employment by showcasing local industries, as well as assets such as schools, hospitals, etc.

The idea is to attract more people to the county to establish small- and medium-sized businesses.

It would include all original footage and feature entrepreneurs and employers talking about why they do business in Haliburton County.

The video would be made available for businesses to use a recruiting tool.

"It [the video link] can be put on a document, it can be put on a website, it can be put in a lot of areas," Wilson said.

The request is for \$2,000 from each of the lower-tier townships and the county, for a total of \$10,000. If the chamber is successful in its funding request from the province's Rural Economic Development (RED) program, it would lower the cost for local governments to \$5,000 collectively.

"To me, it's something that the county should fund," said Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey.

The councils are referring the request to their upcoming budget deliberations.

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The talent pool is getting smaller, making it difficult for businesses to grow.

— Autumn Wilson
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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Complete street

EVERY WEEK, this paper features a “pic of the past” that shows a piece of local history. Frequently, images come from Haliburton’s downtown area many decades ago. Dirt roads, Model T Fords and razed hilltops make the village seem like an altogether different place than it is today.

Particularly striking is the view of what is now Head Lake Park, but which at one point hosted a lumber mill and train station. It was industrial land at the time. It’s unlikely that the lumber barons of 100 years ago would have looked at that lake-front property and imagined a bandshell, outdoor exercise equipment, volleyball net, children’s playground and sandy beach where families swim.

Yet the way this park has transformed over the years is a big part of what makes Haliburton the vibrant community it is today. It is our gathering space. It is in many ways the heart of the village.

Now think of County Road 21 just over the bridge on the way out of town. That stretch is filled with interesting stores, homes, businesses that are key to the functioning of our local economy. The area from just past the high school west to about the veterinary clinic is prime for development and has been the site of new building. A condo is planned for Wallings Road, a new Home Hardware less than a block beyond that. New housing was built beyond the Tim Hortons and you can regularly find

pedestrians walking from Whispering Pines to the coffee shop and grocery store beyond. There is still space for more and it seems that as new businesses arrive, they are seriously considering locating on that stretch.

Although pedestrians can technically walk along the soft shoulder beside the road to get from one store to the next, it’s unpleasant and traffic is frequently zipping along well above the 50 km/hr speed limit.

What could this area look like if we invested the dollars to make it safer and easier to access?

County councillors recently received a report with suggestions. Some of them didn’t ring true for those who live in the area (closing Wallings Road and re-routing through Halbiem, for example), but much of it makes a lot of sense. Providing large walk-

ways for those on foot or using wheelchairs and strollers would open the part of town beyond the bridge to a whole other group of people. Creating visual cues that vehicles are entering a town could help with reducing speeds. And spending some money to improve the look of the road could enhance the appeal of a town that relies on tourism and visitors for its money.

As county Councillor Carol Mofatt pointed out at last week’s meeting, implementing the suggestions in the study would take County Road 21 from a highway to something entirely different.

Something more inviting.



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by Darren Lum

Worriers to warriors

I CAN REMEMBER sitting in my high school math class and being so excited as the teacher introduced the ideas of computers. We were given Fortran cards to fill out, and they were sent off to the big computer 100 km away and processed. We’d get them back and either celebrate, or start over again.

We thought the idea of a computer the size of a huge room was incredible. None of us had any idea how computers and technology were going to evolve and impact our lives. That was in the 1970s.

Here we are in 2017 with cellphones that act like computers – being a phone, taking pictures, accessing the internet, working as a GPS, responding to voice commands, etc. The technology has come so far and has given us all kinds of new possibilities and opportunities. There are definite benefits to all of it and I’m not going to list them now. We know what they are. But there are also the unintended consequences of technology.

People developing the technology and social media programs were not thinking about the amount of anxiety, depression, isolation, bullying, etc., that would be created – intentionally or unintentionally. I don’t think anyone could have anticipated the rise in mental health concerns in the past few years which is being caused by many things including technology. I recently read an article in the *Toronto Star* on Nov. 16, that suggests that 50 per cent of our young people miss school due to anxiety and depression. This past weekend I listened to a podcast on the CBC show “Spark” that talked about designing social media for better mental health.

On a Sunday morning in Haliburton I have conversations with five different moms whose kids are struggling at school, or being home schooled or even in the hospital. I am pretty sure these mental health issues are in many families. And the stress on parents and our schools is huge. Every kid is different and needs their own plan. Finding the right supports takes time, money and the luck of finding a good match to

help the person who is struggling. It takes involvement from the family, the medical doctors, therapists, local agencies, the school and friends. And every kid is different in terms of their outlook on life, their interests and their resiliency.

It is a complicated issue. As a parent, one thing I have learned is that I need to take really good care of myself and manage my own stress. I need to role

model what I want my kid to do. In Chinese medicine they talk about turning being a worrier into a warrior. The idea is that we need to get out of our heads and into our bodies to quiet the mind and strengthen our coping abilities. Specifically feeling our legs strong and grounded and stable is essential to calming our minds and feeling grounded. Perhaps we all need to get outside and walk or run or bike or garden more. Perhaps we all need turn off our computers and phones, and instead go and connect with people, nature and support ourselves. This whole technology/mental health situation is like a huge ship that is going to take a lot of effort to turn around.

We each have to start turning it for our own kid(s).

Tales from
the great



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Chicken of the tree

EACH WEEK, columnists far more qualified than me provide useful information to readers regarding the complex issues that modern couples routinely face. But when Jenn surprised me by coming home for lunch on Friday, I'm pretty sure we created a whole new category.

"Oh my goodness!" she screamed, as she walked in to the kitchen and caught me red-handed.

"It's not what you think," I yelped, as I tried to cover it up.

"Is that squirrel meat in our new frying pan?" she asked. "Wow! It is what you think!" I answered. "Want half?"

She tried to talk but no words came out, so she turned abruptly and walked out of the kitchen.

It was that age old story. A squirrel had come between us.

If I'm going to be honest, I can hardly blame relationship columnists for steering clear of this thorny issue. Who knows how many perfectly good relationships have been ruined by squirrel envy?

After all, the proper way to divide a squirrel is one of those matters that we, as North Americans, are still not entirely comfortable speaking about in public. In fact, Jenn repeatedly said, "Oh my goodness, you actually went out and shot a squirrel for lunch. Promise me we will never speak of this in public."

So, out of respect for her, I am writing about it instead.

Her wanting to keep this our little secret is quite understandable – I mean, who wants to admit that they secretly envy their partner's awesome squirrel hunting skills as well as his ability to communicate with squirrels through a series of incredibly annoying vocalizations?

Jenn says it's not easy.

In any case, it has been three days now and I have long forgiven Jenn for forcing me to eat both pulled squirrel sandwiches – and two servings of dessert.

And now that an appropriate period of time has passed, I feel like I can let bygones be bygones too. And, perhaps, now she can be honest with herself and openly idolize my squirrel hunting abilities.

The truth is, I believe we all get a little crazy when confronted with the prospect of dining on an acorn fed, free ranging bushytail that was harvested locally that morning by a hunter you truly admire.

Honestly, who doesn't love chicken of the tree?

I will concede that I am not blameless either.

That squirrel went straight from the tree to the pressure cooker. When I removed it from there, the meat fell off the bone. Then it was fried in olive oil, and drizzled with Sweet Baby Ray's barbecue sauce and a touch of Montreal steak spice. And on a plate just a reach away, was an artisanal bun that would elevate it into my signature squirrel sandwiches – not to overstate it, but the envy of the culinary world.

How could you fault Jenn for not wanting to share? She is, after all, only human.

The good news is I think she learned a valuable lesson from this. Our squirrel dilemma made her face her inner demons and realize that she is not as strong as she thinks when confronted by the chance to eat a delicious tree-dwelling rodent. And perhaps that is why she has promised she will never come home for lunch again, without calling first.

Frankly, I feel horrible about placing all that temptation in her way.

I know what you are probably thinking. This is one of those first world problems you often hear about. Who cares if Jenn and Steve are living high off the "log"?

Well, bragging certainly wasn't my intention. My intention was to provide sound relationship advice as it pertains to the way a couple deal with their squirrels.

I've given this an awful lot of thought. Next time I'll cook up two.



steve
galea

Loon Tales



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past is a photo from 1931. It's of the Syd Thomas farmhouse and barn outside of Haliburton Village. It was once called Lakeside Inn. Guests were greeted at the train station by Mr. Thomas on a motorcycle with a side car. He'd take them across the washboard roads to the inn, which was left vacant after Mr. Thomas died and his wife Vestina moved in with a daughter, Jean. The house was vandalized and later burnt down. The photo was taken by Millbrook's Norman Smith, who began coming to the area in 1926.

letters to the editor

Schedule pay increases

To the Editor,

Re: "Council divided on pay increase"

I'm sure everyone understands how uncomfortable it must be for Dysart council to discuss suggested increases to their own pay. Doing extensive research and then making appropriate adjustments is, no doubt, one way to handle it. However, some jurisdictions, when they make pay adjustments schedule these to take effect immediately after an election for a new

council.

As there will be an election soon it seems to me that this council should do this and schedule any increases to take effect after the upcoming election. That way, any potential candidate will know, if successful, their pay will have already been adjusted from current rates and they won't have to tackle this ticklish situation.

Jim Frost
Haliburton

Let's talk about bullying

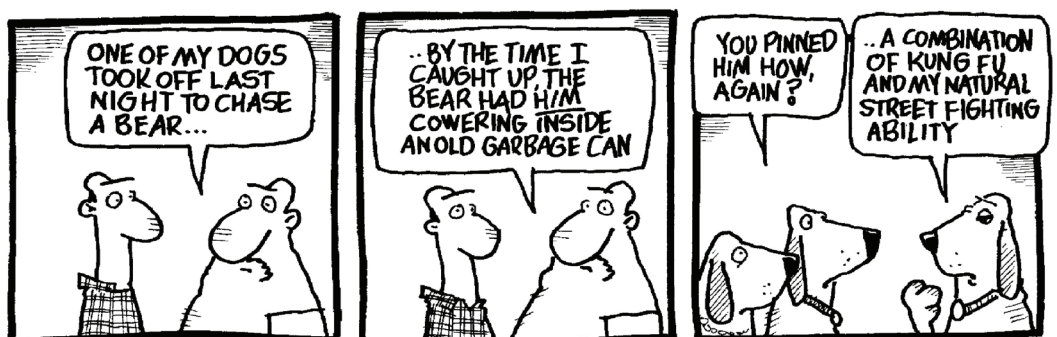
To the Editor,

Thank you so much for the informative and well researched article by Sue Tiffin, entitled "Students work to stop bullying."

As a parent of two teenagers and a professional who works to help others in our community, I am hearing and having this conversation with our youth, multi-sector front

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BOONiEVILLE



Finding hope during a dark time

from page 7

line workers and directors/leaders of varying organizations. I attended the Summit held by Point in Time, attempted to volunteer my time to support our youth through an informal after school drop in program and am an active member of multiple online forums with local parents, hoping to converse and find hope in an extremely dark time for our community.

I believe these conversations are essential, and having our local media shine a light on the issues of youth (not just bullying, but suicide/harm prevention, youth needs and general navigation of an utterly difficult time) with a focus on what is being done in our community is important for information sharing.

As outlined in your well written editorial, we need to be informed by our youth to make the next best steps, but along with that we need to rise up as a community and provide grounded conversations of shared fear, but also empowered and solution-focused leadership from ALL of us.

I believe that the only way through this crisis is to create a youth informed solution to it. We must remember to take responsibility not only as a community but as individuals in order to focus our solutions, conversations, posts and feedback in a basis of inclusion, compassion and understanding. For that is the birthplace of true cultural change. It is only when we come from this place that we will be able to successfully lead the charge and be the change both for our

youth and for ourselves.

We must stand up and say no to finger pointing, blame and "outing" others for their behaviours or choices as this only serves to create a further division amongst our already fragile community. It does not serve the purpose for creating new paths out of old patterns ... it only cements the behaviour of rightness and wrongness, us and them. We simply must come together from a place of kindness and understanding in order to shine the light and move forward.

Nancy Brownsberger, B.A., R.S.W.
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Bill Gliddon: He's still got it

To the Editor,

Bill did it again!

That's what I exclaimed to my wife, Janice, upon returning home from last Wednesday night's concert at St. George's Anglican Church.

The one and only amazing Bill Gliddon organized a breathtaking musical evening of Christian hymns and Christmas carols for a full church of folks from at least seven different denominations from all over Haliburton County.

Oh, and he also directed the choir and accompanied them on the piano, as well as chose the songs to be sung and rehearsed this diverse group of 60 singers – some of whom are extremely talented, and others who have previously only sung from the safe haven of a church pew.

By the way, did I mention that Mr. Gliddon also MC'd this delightful evening of sacred music with his usual inimitable flair and humour? It was a packed hour of simply beautiful seasonal selections, with the large choir wedged in sideways so as to fit into St. George's choir-loft. Anyone who wanted to be part of

this most unique group of performers was instantly granted their wish, "sans audition," and Bill just gathered this bunch of "artists" and proceeded to create a musical miracle for all of us to behold.

You see, I'm pretty sure that most of us in the audience expected a "good effort" from the well-meaning group of kind souls at the front of the church. However, what we got was an astoundingly well-delivered and layered musical performance of the utmost quality. When the advent part of Handel's Messiah was presented to the fortunate listeners, it nearly raised the rafters and most certainly left us all in complete awe – if ever there was a time to shout "Oh My God!" surely this was it.

Mr. Gliddon, in case you doubted it for even one second, I'm positive that I speak for all those who gathered at St. George's Church last Wednesday when I say: "You've still got it, Bill!"... and thank you for a truly unforgettable evening.

René Benoit
Haliburton

Light in the Darkness: A 'blue Christmas' service

The merry season of Christmas is progressing in the minds of many at this time of year. For some people it is a sad time of the year when they grieve the loss of a loved one in a significant way. The "merry" is nowhere to be felt.

"Light in the Darkness" is a Christian-based service being prepared by representatives from various Christian denominations which will include prayers, music and reflections. All who may be experiencing the pain of grief; who find the Christmas season a difficult and sad time are welcome to come on Dec 3, 2 p.m. at St. Anthony church.

Sharing the loss as we take time to remember those who have died may help in dividing the pain. We can share the burden of loss, as it is carried alongside others. Words of hope in this dark time of the year will be shared by Fr Scott Murray, the interim pastor for St. Anthony Parish. The various churches have been coming together over the past year, with events sponsored by "Church of Haliburton." Pastor Garry Swagerman, a member of the bereavement network with SIRCH says, "It is comforting to know that you are not alone in your grief." He is part of a group from "C of H" creating this event with the thought to accompany those who experience loss. Over the years there have been many other groups and individuals that have carried this message of hope and sharing grief as a way to move through the process of alleviating each individuals pain.

Accompanying someone in the process of grief can be a healing experience even for the person trying to help. Loving your life enough to share with those in need, can give us pause in a stressful time of year filled with expectations. Take some time to reduce the rush of the holiday season and join the community gathering for "Light in the Darkness."

The service will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 27 Victoria St., Haliburton on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Submitted by Jean Schlicklin Tyler

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At the end of the evening, all the performers took to the stage to join the audience in a singalong of Jingle Bell Rock. /JENN WATT Staff



Sir Cedric reads a funny poem at the beginning of the second act of the Christmas Shindig.



Local comedian and performer Brigitte Gall did a set about Christmas traditions at the shindig, lifting spirits and getting the audience laughing.



Jeff Moulton rocked out for the audience Saturday night.

Shindig sells out for fourth year straight

The Highlands Christmas Shindig again brought the community together for an evening of celebration in aid of a good cause. Fuel for Warmth received a novelty cheque for \$22,225 at the end of the event on Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, but the charity's treasurer says donations keep rolling in.

"I suspect the total to become at least \$23,500," he wrote in a follow-up email to the paper.

The production included more than 40 performers, 31 sponsors, 21 contributors, 27 volunteers and five media sponsors.

Fuel for Warmth assists residents in paying their fuel bills through the winter months, which are especially difficult in the seasonal economy. More than a quarter of families assisted are seniors, 22 per cent include children.

In four years of the Shindig, \$70,000 has been raised. The event is produced by Mike Jaycock and Lorraine McNeil.

- Jenn Watt



Local musician Trina West sang two songs for the Highlands Christmas Shindig. She exchanged banter with Dame Beatrice about the size of her antlers.



MP Jamie Schmale takes a seat at the front of the stage instructed by Mike Jaycock ... er, Dame Beatrice ... at the commencement of the shindig.



Santa (Lorne McNeil) came out to present a cheque for \$22,225 to Joanne Barnes of Fuel For Warmth following the Highlands Christmas Shindig at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Saturday evening. The annual event consistently raises thousands of dollars to help those who need money to warm their homes. /JENN WATT Staff



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Laking House and Haliburton Echo return to shared ownership

JENN WATT

Editor

Len Pizzey was coming back to town after some time off when he spotted a for-sale sign on the lawn of the Laking House on Highland Street in Haliburton more than two decades ago.

The building was a private residence for many years and had been converted into a commercial space by Keith Jackson, for his real estate company.

Overlooking Head Lake at the centre of the village, the house seemed like a good fit for a newspaper operation, said Pizzey, who at the time was publisher of the *Haliburton County Echo*.

"I asked the staff if they thought it was a good idea that I buy the house and we move the newspaper office there," said Pizzey. "Everybody was really enthusiastic about that."

At the time, the *Echo* was produced from the space beneath the CIBC at the corner of York Street and Maple Avenue – what is now Outdoors Plus.

Although it was clear the Laking House wouldn't be big enough for the staff of the newspaper, the homey feel of the building and its location offered possibilities.

Almost immediately, work commenced on expanding the office, with graphic designer Sandi Luck drawing up plans to create a production room and second basement as well as two additional office spaces upstairs.

The work was done by local contractor GJ Burtch Construction, which maintained the look of the building, including extending the verandah.

Pizzey said the new building was good for morale and helped create a team atmos-



Last week, White Pine Media, which owns the *Haliburton Echo* newspaper, purchased the Laking House. The house has been the office for the *Echo* for more than two decades. From left, former owner Len Pizzey, current publisher David Zilstra and current *Echo* editor Jenn Watt. / DARREN LUM Staff

phere.

"At some times of the year some people spent as much time in the office working to produce special publications and deal with the rush of summer business as they spent at home," he said.

"It had the feeling of being like another home. It made a huge difference to people's enjoyment of coming to work and to people's ability to work together."

When Pizzey sold the *Echo* in 2004, he kept the building, leasing it to the new owners.

Now, 13 years later, the house and the business come under the same ownership.

White Pine Media, which has owned the *Echo* since 2014, purchased the Laking House last week.

"It was the most logical thing and the best future for the house in my view was that the *Echo* and the house become a merged entity. Now the newspaper owns its home," he said.

Echo publisher David Zilstra, a member

of the White Pine Media ownership group, said buying the building solidifies the place of the paper in the village.

"We're pleased to have this come full circle under the ownership of White Pine Media," he said. "We're going to continue on with the proud legacy of the *Echo* in the community."

The sale coincides with the building's 100th anniversary.

Green businesses grow with \$100K funding

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will look a little greener after a combined \$200,000 was invested into Haliburton Forest Biochar Ltd., and Quantum Passivhaus through the Eastern Ontario Development Program's (EODP) Collaborative Economic Development (CEDP) stream.

"Through the EODP, the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) is collaborating with Community Futures Development Corporations in Eastern Ontario to promote the growth of new and existing businesses in rural communities," reads a press release from the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, and Minister responsible for FedDev Ontario. "This project is in collaboration with the Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC) and Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC)."

An investment of \$100,000 will help fund Haliburton Forest Biochar Ltd.'s \$671,000 biochar production facility, bringing up to 20 new full-time positions to Haliburton County. The biochar company plans to "displace non-renewable products with sustainable biomaterials, by creating value in a material where previously there was very little," according to a press release from the Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation.

Biochar, typically used as a soil amendment, will leverage wood sawdust waste from the existing sawmill, according to the release.

"After years of research, a commercial opportunity was identified and a facility will be established, and year round jobs created in Haliburton County," said Peter Fredericks, HCDC board chair. "This is a great example of researching an idea then bringing it to life."

Minden's Quantum Passivhaus is being supported as a clean technology investment with \$100,000 toward a \$350,000 planned project expanding a new site facility in Minden that will include manufacturing, a showroom and a training centre. The project brings up to six new full-time positions to the area. Quantum Passivhaus, a house design and build company, provides smart homes and properties that meet current lifestyle needs, reads the press Northumberland CFDC release.

"The company designs buildings that meet the international passive house standards which include alternative energy solutions while reducing the ecological footprint and we are pleased they are bringing this innovative technology to our county," said Fredericks.

The funding investments were announced on Nov. 21. Minister Bains congratulated both businesses for expanding services and creating quality jobs and congratulated Quantum Passivhaus for promoting greener homes, and Haliburton Forest Biochar Ltd. for commercializing cleaner, renewable products.

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Hawks volleyball team possess winning attitude

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Even in high school when a sports season doesn't compare to the marathon of pro sports, the attitude of a team goes a long way toward success, whether it's measured in wins and losses or just enjoyment.

This year's senior Red Hawks volleyball team is bound to be successful after its coach Dan Gimon has learned this team is very keen and loves the game.

Gimon said the 12-member team's best attribute is attitude.

"They're all very keen," he said.

Due to work, he isn't available to start practices so he relies on his team to start with warm-ups and drills on their own, which has happened.

From a questionnaire, which includes questions related to future aspirations, careers and goals, the players have been consistently answering they love volleyball, calling it a great sport and want to do well. One player, who didn't have any playing experience, accepted the coach's invitation to improve her skills and workout with the team because of her desire to just play.

The team is too new, he said, to know the team's offensive or defensive style of play.

Basics are being emphasized. Less than two weeks to go until their first league competition in December, the team has been busy running through drills.

"Right now, I'm doing a lot of fundamentals to really engrain the basics and the proper techniques into them so that when they do get into game situations they don't have to think about it. It will be automatic," he said.

He adds at this level mistakes are costly.

"Force them to make the mistakes. Easy balls should be yours. Unforced errors. Try to minimize unforced errors," he said.

Gimon has coached the past few years when his daughter Natalia started playing in Grade 7. Prior to that there were several years when Gimon did not coach. However his coaching experience spans more than 10 years, including time as an assistant coach in college and then coaching and instructing at a sports camp in Muskoka. Concurrently he is also helping with the U17 Orillia Suns, a club volleyball team, which his daughter and Dakota MacDonald, another Hawk plays on.

Natalia has already, Gimon said, played for the Orillia Suns team at the left power position.

The team's setter is Arden Harrop, who returns at the position she had last year. Backing her up will likely be Freya Moran, Gimon said. As of right now this team will not have a libero, a defensive specialist.

The captain, or captains, have not been chosen yet.

Gimon said he will leave it, primarily, up to the team to decide with his own input.

Gimon, who is holding practices with the junior team from a collaborative effort with its coach Steve Smith, acknowledges the team is greatly supported with the help of faculty members Janice Scheffee, Mike Gaffney and Will Arnup, who is also Hawks alumnus.

The team will host Kawartha West schools (I.E. Weldon, Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute, Fenelon Falls Secondary School, St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School and Brock High School) on Wednesday, Dec. 13. This game is subject to change without notice.



The Red Hawks senior girls volleyball team has demonstrated a great attitude and is busy preparing for the Kawartha High School Senior Girls Volleyball season. The team will host Kawartha West schools (I.E. Weldon; Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute; Fenelon Falls Secondary School; St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School and Brock High School) on Wednesday, Dec. 13. This game is subject to change without notice./DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks senior player Abby Gordon passes a ball during a drill.



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Hawks remain disciplined through lopsided game

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high level hockey.

He said his team was strong in executing game plans worked on in practice, which resulted in four of the team's goals.

Like any season, the power play needs to be the best it can be, he said.

There were positives that he saw, but the team will be refining and looking to improve, which will be important with stronger competition.

Getting the start in this game for the Hawks was goalie Carson Sisson, who earned the shutout.



Red Hawks forward Jacob Haedicke initiates contact with a Holy Cross Hurricanes defender during Kawartha High School Boys Hockey League action on Thursday, Nov. 23 in Haliburton.

There were a handful of scoring chances for the visitors, but that was it.

"Our goaltender played well even though he didn't have a lot of action, but he was still steady and the puck didn't go in," he said.

Backing him up was goalie Jaxson Campbell. In attendance, but not dressed was goalie Ethan Glecoff.

Yake liked what he saw in this game from his blue-liners (Nolan Flood, Carter O'Neill, Shawn Walker, Braeden Vasey and Nicolas Dollo). He said they were steady and controlled the game.

"You might say they weren't noticed, which means they were in full control. This is awesome. They have to feel good about that and they moved the puck out [of the defensive zone] very well and clean. There was a couple times it was very good ... it's an area of the game sometimes people don't see, but if you ever play on a team when your defence can't control the play they're noticed," he said.

Sometimes in games where one team dominates it's difficult for players to remain disciplined.

However the Hawks demonstrated a respect for their opponents and one another.

This wasn't lost on Yake. It reminds him of the team's mantra for the past few years when it comes to wins and losses.

"When you lose say little. When you win say less. I've mentioned that to them a couple of times. Hopefully that idea of you play the game, you play it hard and you do your best. Whatever the outcome you have some respect over what's taken place. I'm very proud of them today of that. It's always easy when you're winning, easier anyway. It was a good start," he said.

Being shorthanded from undisciplined play factors in close games.

In a 9-0 win this didn't necessarily come up, but the young men are fully aware to avoid penalties that can hurt a team's chances.

"We had one player apologize to the rest of the team already. He understands that it doesn't matter about the situation that you have to be careful about selfish penalties. He understood that from the get-go. He was upset about that to himself. That's a great sign," he said.



Red Hawks forward Owen Smith looks to shoot, as a Holy Cross Hurricanes defender trails him. Smith, who finished with five points (two goals and three assists) scored the first goal, which became the game-winner in the lopsided home opener./DARREN LUM Staff

"They understand if you want to have success you have to work on it. It's a work in progress for some of these guys and as a team together, a collective whole to work to reduce penalties. To have fewer penalties than your opponent ... if you can end up with a couple less minutes [of penalties] at the end of the game compared to your opponent you're probably going to be in a better opportunity to win games."

The team's next home game is on Wednesday, Dec. 6 against the Saints of St. Peter Catholic Secondary School from Peterborough. Puck drops at 3:45 p.m. All home games are held at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

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Bantam A pull off comeback against Otters

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollo's Foodland Bantam A faced off against rival Huntsville Otters Friday at S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden. The scoreless first period saw some good action and some particularly nice saves by Storm goalie Ben Landry including one reaching behind to smother the puck just before it crossed the goal line. Huntsville scored the game's first goal on a screen shot and jumped up by two 90 seconds later. Tyson Clements put the locals on the scoreboard after some hard work by Tim Turner and Hunter Arnott in the corner put Clements alone in front of the net. The Otters regained their two goal cushion at the end of the second period on a power play goal although had a rocket wrist shot by Desi Davies been just a bit lower it could have been a game changer. Nice job by the defensive unit too against the high flying Otters to keep the Storm right in the thick of things throughout the match. With no scoring in the third period, an entertaining game saw the Otters take home a 3-1 victory.

The Storm were right back at it on Saturday afternoon versus the Kawartha Coyotes. Play was fairly even for a good part of the opening period however the Coyotes would draw first blood after the Storm were unable to clear out a rebound following a spectacular save by the Highlands' Nate Miscio. The Coyotes jumped ahead by two just after a terrific power play almost tied the game. The Coyotes went up by three before the Storm finally found the back of the net with a two-man advantage on a Desi Davies goal to make it 3-1 Kawartha heading into the third period. Jake Sisson scored to make it 3-2 tipping in a shot from the point by Jaxon Gill and Brendan Coumbs finished off a strong Highland Storm comeback scoring with 90 seconds left in the game for a 3-3 final. The boys play next on Tuesday the 28th versus Sturgeon.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Bantam girls bring home gold

The Canadian Tire/Parkview Dental Bantam girls Jets won The Kitchener Lady Rangers Fallfest Tournament C Division this past weekend.

The first game, Friday afternoon saw the Jets face the South Bruce Blades. The girls worked hard but despite all of their efforts fell short by a goal with a final score of 3-2 in favour of the Blades. Gillian Rosik, with a stick-to-stick pass from Emma Tidey, was in a scramble in front of the net and was able to get a hold of the puck and tapped it in. Haley Gou-



The Canadian Tire/Parkview Dental Bantam Girls Jets won The Kitchener Lady Rangers Fallfest Tournament C Division this past weekend.

let received a pass from teammate Hannah McMann, bounced the puck off the boards past her opponents, and scored with a wrist shot over the goalie's right pad.

Friday night, the team played the Napanee Crunch and this time took the win 2-1. Scoring for the Jets was Emma Tidey, who took a shot and the puck ricocheted off the post into the back of the net. Ryan Rupnow added the second with a wrist shot from the blue line. Rosik assisted on both goals.

Early Saturday morning, the Jets met up and shut down the Ennismore Eagles. Tidey starting the Jets' scoring streak, skating the puck through the Eagles' defence and landed it top right corner, unassisted. McMann, with a precision pass from Emily Alexander, and a powerful front flick drifted the puck into the back of the net. Goulet, with a wrist shot, found an opening over the Eagles goalie's trapper, assisted by McMann. Tidey added her second and the final goal of the game by being persistent and digging in a scramble in the crease area and was able to net the puck unassisted. Final score Jets 4, Ennismore 0.

Saturday afternoon the Jets secured a spot in the finals and faced the Lambton Attack in an evenly matched game with both teams skating end to end the entire time. The Jets took the win 2-1. Goals were scored by Tidey, assisted by Alexander, and McMann, assisted by Emma Neuman.

The championship game, Sunday morning saw the Jets up against the South Bruce Blades for another match. This time determined to win, the team came out

flying and each team member brought their "A game" to the ice. A spectacle of speed, passing, communicating with one another and a vast array of hockey skills were displayed in front of a large crowd. Early in the first period, Goulet was successful in retrieving her own rebound and tipped it past the Blades goalie, assisted by Kennedy Croskery. With two minutes remaining in the first, Rosik with a wrist shot put the puck top right corner, assisted by Jaylin Frost. The second period saw the girls continue to battle for the puck but no goals were scored by both teams. Jets now 2, Blades 0.

The third period saw the team face some unexpected challenges and had the crowd on the edge of their seats. With 4:16 on the clock, the Jets incurred a penalty and then at 3:03 another. To add to the tension, the Blades pulled their goalie pressuring the Jets in a six on three situation. The girls skated even harder, pulled together as a team and fought right to the end to keep their rivals from getting on the scoreboard. Goulet was able to score the final goal of the game with an empty netter unassisted.

Bella Smolen has a fantastic weekend in net for the Jets. Her great goalie sense, quick reflexes, pad blocking, blocker stopping and trapper catching skills earned two shutouts and assisted the team in conquering their "Quest for Gold!" Way to go team, coaches, bench staff, manager, and parents for helping the girls have a successful weekend. Thank you also to the sponsors, Canadian Tire/Parkview Dental who made it possible with their ongoing support.

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Peewees take on Coyotes, Hornets and Braves

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees headed to Omemee to play the Kawartha Coyotes. The Coyotes scored two quick goals at the start of the first but the Storm cut the lead in half with a goal by Aiden Perrott assisted by Kyan Hall. The Storm tied the game in the second with Perrott scoring again assisted by Hall and then Gage Hutchinson scoring unassisted to take the lead. The Storm held on and beat the Coyotes 3-2. The Peewees headed to Brighton to play in a one-day tournament on Saturday, Nov. 25 the Storm took on the Norwood Hornets first. The Hornets scored first but the Storm tied it up with a goal by Hall unassisted. The Hornets scored again but so did the Storm with another goal by Hall unassisted. The Hornets scored to put them ahead 3-2 going into the third and added another to put them ahead by two. Hall scored again assisted by Evan Armstrong to put it back within one but so did the Hornets who took the game 5-3.

The Storm faced the Loyalist Jets in the second game with Hall opening the scoring assisted by Cooper Coles and Hutchinson. The Jets tied the game in the second but the Storm took advantage on the power play and Hutchinson scored assisted by Avery Degeer to regain the lead. The Storm scored again in the third with a goal by Zander Upton assisted by Hall the Storm held on to the lead and took the game 3-1. With the second game win the Storm faced the Brighton Braves in the A final.

With both teams fighting for the win the Braves were on the board first but the Storm kept battling hard and tied the game with a goal by Hutchinson assisted by Damon Harriss to go into the second. The Braves scored again but the Storm kept with them with Austin Boylan scoring unassisted to tie it up. Again the Braves scored to take the lead but the Storm kept going with Boylan scoring unassisted again to tie it up 3-3 going into the third. With the Storm still trying to come out on top Boylan scored again giving him the hat trick and the Storm the lead 4-3. The Braves scored to tie it back up 4-4 and then scored again to put them up 5-4. The Storm battled hard but the Braves put one into the empty net to give them the win 6-4. Great goaltending by both Storm goalies Taylor Consack and Harriss. Next game for the Peewees in Dec. 5 in Minden against the Kawartha Coyotes at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Ron Hall

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Joleen Thomas poses with a prop frame outside the museum before the Ugly Sweater Run.

Participants in the Ugly Sweater Run speed down Highway 118 on Nov. 26.



Santa (Rosie Kadwell) and Mrs. Claus (Bessie Sullivan) jog along the route of the Ugly Sweater Run in Haliburton on Sunday, Nov. 26. /JENN WATT Staff



Lilyanne and William Curry pose for a photo for their mom, Christina Curry before the Ugly Sweater Run on Nov. 26 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.



Buddies in Ugly Sweater fashion, Olivia Humphries, left, and Lillian Ramsdale are ready to start the run at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.



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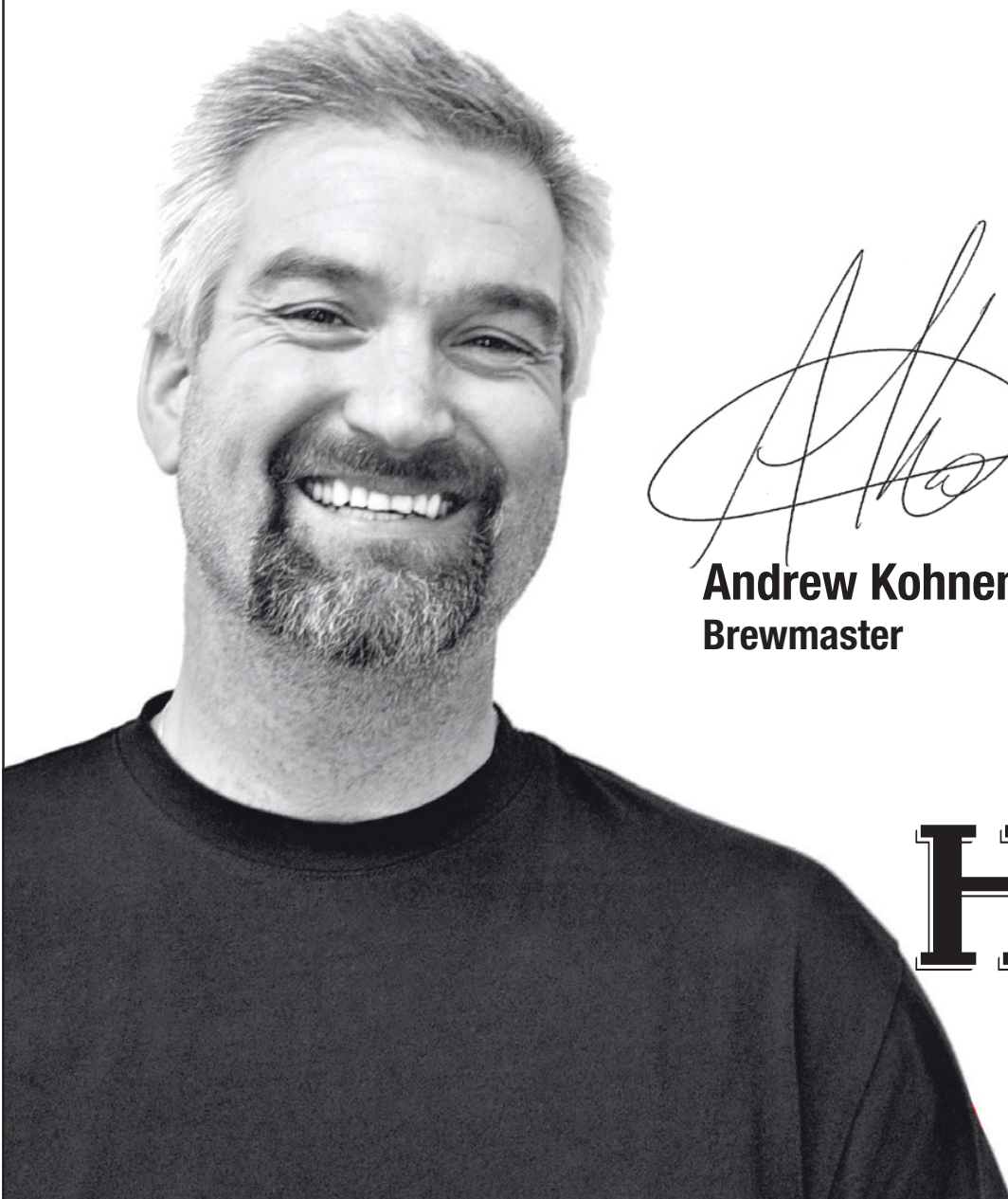
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Red Hawks wrestle with the best

The 2017/18 wrestling season kicked off last week with the first competition of the season. On Thursday, Nov. 23, six members of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School wrestling team competed at the annual Tom Nigro Wrestling Tournament held at Trenton High School. Over 150 athletes from the COSSA and Kingston Regions attended the event and HHSS wrestlers once again showed that they can wrestle with the best.

Connie Oh and Owen Wootton showed great potential in their first ever tournament experience. Both Connie and Owen wrestled solidly throughout the day. They have established the basics needed for success in the future. Coaches Klose and Fockler look forward to their growth in the future, along with the other Grade 9 students who joined the Red Hawks wrestling team this year.

Nic Graham went undefeated in the cadet division at 95 kg. His technique continued to improve throughout the day. He finished the day with a 3-0 record to win the gold medal. Veteran wrestler Aidan Coles returned to the mat in fine form in the 95 kg open (senior) weight class. Aidan lost only one of his four matches to take home the bronze medal.

In the women's division, Grade 12 wrestlers Emily Klose and Noelle Dupret Smith each started their season with impressive performances in the 67.5 kg open class. Emily lost only one match against the eventual champion early in the day, but won all other matches to earn the bronze medal. On the other side of the draw, Noelle remained undefeated in preliminary rounds to advance to the championship match. She had a good match with several great scrambles, but was pinned late in the first round. Noelle finished the day with a silver medal.

Congratulations on a great start for this season. Practices continue as the HHSS wrestling team prepares for the next competition on Dec. 6 in Peterborough.

Submitted by Paul Klose



From left, Nic Graham, Aidan Coles, Noelle Dupret Smith, Emily Klose, Owen Wootton and Connie Oh. /PAUL KLOSE Special to the Echo



Nic Graham pins his opponent in the final match of the day. / PAUL KLOSE Special to the Echo

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Close games for Atom AE

On Saturday, Nov. 25, the G.J Burtch Construction Storm Atom AE team hosted two great games of hockey at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton against the Almaguin Ice Devils. The Storm dominated the first game. Two goals coming from Jase Mills and Isaac Lee and then Cayden Russell and Parker Simms also put one up on the scoreboard for themselves, ending the game in a 6-2 win for the Highland Storm.

Second game was an entirely different game. The Ice Devils were not going down without a fight. In the first period the Storm players took the lead with two goals from Mills and a third from Lee. With many penalties, Mills was able to score his third goal for the hat trick. Evan Jones scored one more goal for the Storm ending the game in 5-5 tie.

On Sunday the Storm players travelled to Huntsville to take on the Otters. First period neither team were able to score. Second period the Otters scored the first goal. Going into the third period the Storm players stepped up their game. Degan Davidson sent a pass to Lee for their first goal. With only 1:36 left on the clock Liam Harrison passed the puck to Mills who scored to end the game in a 3-2 loss.

On Dec. 2, the Storm will be travelling to Collingwood to take on the Blackhawks.

Submitted by Lisa Reinwald

A win and a loss for Atom A team

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's hosted Brock Wild at the A.J. LaRue arena on Saturday, Nov. 24. The first period Cheyenne Degeer scored an unassisted goal putting the Storm on the scoreboard. However in the second the Brock Wild scored with only minutes left and made it a 1-1 hockey game going into the third. The third was a goal by Brechin Johnston, assisted by Joshua Scheffe and then minutes later another goal this time by Addison Carr, assisted by Johnston and Caleb Manning. But the

Wild didn't give up and with only a minute left scored and made the final a 3-2 win for the Storm.

On Sunday, Nov. 25 the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A team travelled to Elmvale to face the Elmvale Coyotes. Unfortunately the Storm faced a tough 7-1 loss. Goal was scored by Addison Carr and assisted by Mak Prentice.

The Atom A's will be travelling to Fenelon Falls to face the Sturgeon Lake Thunder on Sunday Dec. 3 at 3:45 p.m.

South Muskoka no match for Tykes

The Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes played a doubleheader on Saturday, Nov. 25. First they travelled to Humphrey to face the Muskoka Rock. Vanek Logan who was all alone backhanded the puck in the net, scoring the lone goal of the first period. Both goals in the second were scored by Evan Perrott and assisted by Mason Latanville. The first, Perrott keeps the puck in at the blue line and takes it to the net, using his wrist shot to beat the Muskoka goaltender. The second was a goal from the blue line off a faceoff win by the Storm. The final period of the game consisted of three goals all scored by the Storm. McCartney Saunders assists Jaxon Casey's first of two. Casey picks up the loose puck up in front of the net and buries it. Three minutes later, Casey takes advantage of a rebound and puts it in the back of the net, with assists going to Easton Burk and Saunders. With three seconds left in the game, Perrot puts in a big solo effort to net his third goal of the game. Storm wins 6-0.

The Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes win the second game of their double header on Nov. 25. South Muskoka was no match for the Storm. Evan Perrott opens the high scoring first period with an unassisted breakaway goal. Assisted by Matthew Scheffe, defence-man Zach Prentice get his first goal of the season after breaking down the right side of the ice and wrists one by Muskoka's goalie. The next Storm goal was a wrap around, scored by Vanek Logan, unassisted. Easton Burk picks up a rebound goal off a shot on net by Mason Latanville. A five-hole goal by Perrott finishes off the period. South Muskoka was determined to get on the scoreboard, and they did just that by getting the first goal

in the second. Fighting back, Jaxon Casey feeds a pass to McCartney Sanders who gets it by the opponent's goaltender. Burk then gets his second goal of the game after rushing down the left side. The final goal of the game is scored by Latanville who was all alone out front. The Storm take the game 8-1.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Tykes will be travelling to Lindsay to take on the Muskies at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson

Midgets victorious over Ice Devils

It was a busy week for the Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team, with a couple of home games and one away, resulting in a loss and two shut-out wins.

It began Tuesday, Nov. 21 in Haliburton when they suffered their first loss in the regular season 2-1, against the Kawartha Coyotes. Then, they crushed Brock Wild 5-0 in Minden, Friday, November 24. Next, it was off to Sunridge, Saturday, November 25 to shut down the Almaguin Ice Devils, 2-0. You can say it was bad luck for the Midgets, however, they did all they could against the Coyotes. From posts, to cross bars, to disallowed goals, nothing worked and they experienced their first 2-1 regular season loss.

Team captain Owen Patterson-Smith got the only goal with help from O'Neill. The Brock Wild is no match for the Storm team and that 5-0 win gave Carson Sisson a nice shut-out.

It was an action-packed game against the Ice Devils. The Storm took the lead in the first period. A great set-up by Lucas Haedicke, drawing the defence and the goalie and finding open Prentice to capture the goal. Early in the second period, Owen Smith intercepted a pass and expertly top cornered the Storm's second goal. The last period saw a busy penalty box but stayed scoreless, and the Midgets returned home with a 2-0 victory.

Next: come out and cheer on the Storm Midgets as they take on the Woodville Hurricanes, Nov. 28 at 8:30 p.m. in Minden.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

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1. Emaciation

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14. First letter of the Hebrew alphabet

15. Unexplored waters

17. Berkeley athletes

19. Norse giantess

20. Crater on the moon

21. Resembles velvet

22. Pearl Jam's debut album

23. Hair-like structure

24. Turfs

26. Put in advance

29. First son of Lot

31. Native American language

32. Furry family member

34. Vedic God of fire

35. Genie

37. German city

38. Acquire

39. Cambodia currency

40. A person from a Balkan republic

41. More simple

43. Bleats

45. "The other white meat"

46. __ student: learns healing

47. 04492, town in Maine

49. Paddle

50. Airline once owned by Howard Hughes

53. Big 10 athlete

57. Inflammation of the intestine

58. Key's comedic partner

59. Chamomile and black are two

60. Distress signal

61. Assn. for translators

5. Superhigh frequency

6. Colourless liquid

7. Hostelries

8. __ fi (slang)

9. One who accompanies

10. Where rockers play

11. " __ the Man" Musical

12. Waxy cover on some birds' beaks

13. Software that monitors for malicious activity (abbr.)

16. Becomes less intense

18. Lyric poems

22. Touchdown

23. Put end to end

24. __ Claus

25. Jedi Master Kenobi

27. Fencing swords

28. Famed child psychiatrist

29. Gossip

30. S-shaped lining

31. ' __ death do us part

33. Bar bill

35. Placed over a vowel to indicate sound

36. Steve Martin was one

37. Low paid educator (abbr.)

39. One who rampages

42. Backbones

43. "Friday Night Lights" director

44. Anno Domini

46. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin

47. Fermented grape juice

48. Peruvian province

49. Former Braves outfielder Nixon

50. Entertainment award

51. Feeling good

52. Greek god of war

53. Famed NYC museum

54. Of the ears

55. Select

56. Friend to the carrot)

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McKecks gives to snowmobile association
Haliburton County Snowmobile Association was happy to receive a cheque from McKecks restaurant last week. The money will help with paying for grooming trails locally. From left, representing McKecks, Karen Frybort and Aaron Walker present \$1,500 to HCSA president Dave Lloyd, vice-president Craig Bowker and secretary Tom Nicholson. Both parties say they hope this donation encourages other businesses to join in. Snowmobilers are a key part of the winter economy in the Highlands./DARREN LUM Staff



Yoga for warmth
Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton and Amanda Rico teamed up to offer yoga classes at the Village Barn in Haliburton. Through admission donations, they were able to give a cheque to the Haliburton County Heat Bank, which helps local families stay warm during winter months. From left, Amanda Rico, John Teljeur of the heat bank, and Marcia Bell from Royal LePage. /Submitted



Municipality of Dysart et al

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:**

• **TIME:**

• **LOCATION:**
- Wednesday, December 13th, 2017

11:00 am.

Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1.

D13-MV-2017-020 – Trigila

Purpose and Effect: to permit the expansion of a legal non-complying storage building on a lot located in the WR4 zone:

a)

A variance to the provisions of Section 3.19(a)(vii) to permit an accessory building located in the WR4 zone to have a height of 4 metres (13 feet) as opposed to the required legal non-complying maximum of 3.28 metres (10.75 feet).

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Location: Part of Lots 26 and 27, Concession 5, Lot 80, Plan 513, in the geographic Township of Havelock (Little Kennisis Lake – 2069 Watts Road).
2.

D13-MV-2017-021 – Oakes

Purpose and Effect: to permit a private cabin located on a property in the RU1L zone, to be located in the front yard abutting the shoreline of Kawagama Lake:

a)

An increase to the provisions of Section 3.1(d)(i) to permit the a private cabin to be located in the front yard abutting a shoreline.

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Location: Part of Lot 11, Concession 13, in the geographic Township of Havelock (Kawagama Lake – 22081 Kawagama Lake – East River WAO).
3.

D13-MV-2017-022 – The Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al

Purpose and Effect: to permit the construction of structure accessory to a museum on a lot located in the IR-2 zone:

a)

A decrease to the provisions of Section 6.3.2.2 to permit a structure accessory to a museum to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 26 metres (85 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 90 metres (295.3 feet).

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Location: Part of Lot 15, Concession 9, in the geographic Township of Dysart (Head Lake – 66 Museum Road).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

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Cheryl Murdock named chairman of local board

Cheryl Murdock, a trustee from Anson, Hindon and Minden, has been elected chairman of the Haliburton County Board of Education. She replaces Ross Anderson of Tory Hill, who held the position in 1981.

A former public school teacher, Murdock taught for eight years in Peterborough, Peel and Haliburton County schools. She was first elected to the board in 1978. Since then she has served on a number of board committees, including the key salary negotiating committee which she has chaired for the last two years.

She was elected vice chairman of the board last December.

Murdock has a deep rooted interest in education in the county, with one child enrolled at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, a second at Archie Stouffer Public School, and a third not yet of school age.

The new chairman sees the implementation of Bill 82 requirements as the board's biggest challenge in the coming year. The bill requires all school boards to have effective special education programs for gifted as well as learning disabled youngsters by 1985. The local board has established several committees to facilitate the implementation of the Bill's regulations in the county, and will begin phasing in new special education programs in the 1982-83 school year.

Murdock said in an interview Thursday that she is committed to helping the board provide the best quality education for county students while at the same time keeping costs in line with those in other areas of the province.

Derrell Stamp, trustee for Dysart et al, was elected vice chairman for 1982. Stamp is also a three year veteran of the board, having been first elected in 1978.

The appointments came at a meeting of the board Monday afternoon following an all day budget session.

Committees for 1982 are expected to be set before the end of this week.



There's nothing quite like a ride on a horse drawn wagon to add to the fun of the Christmas season. These youngsters got the ride Saturday afternoon when the

Glamorgan volunteer firemen put on a Christmas party for the children of the community.

COTA says grant inadequate

Ministry has not increased support to travel associations

Grants from the Ministry of Industry and Tourism to the Central Ontario Travel Association for 1982 will remain at the 1975 level, and the move has COTA's executive up in arms.

The association said in a news release this week that the ministry has "steadfastly refused to increase grants to COTA and to the 11 other associations (in Ontario) for either administrative or promotional purposes, claiming that more financial support should be coming from private and municipal sectors."

Bill Smith of Harcourt, COTA's president, said the ministry's decision is "pretty hard to take."

Smith said in the release that the ministry has had "regular increases in its budget since 1975, yet has refused to transfer any of the increases to the travel associations."

"How can this association possibly develop more sophisticated marketing programs with 1975 dollars and 1981 prices?" Smith noted.

He said the association intends to enter into more cooperative promotion programs with the private sector next year, but added that most travel operators are also feeling the effects of higher prices and higher interest rates.

Smith said the ministry's

Yours to Discover campaign is working, but that travel associations "base their programs on the grass roots of the industry. This is where it all starts and where the most help is needed" according to Smith.

"It just doesn't make sense to continuously promote the province as a whole at the expense of facilities and attractions at the local level," Smith said. "They are the ones who generate the revenues and pay the taxes."

All associations receive \$35,000 for administration, \$50,000 for promotion and a grant to cover salaries for summer student travel coun-

sellors. In 1975, COTA's total budget was \$120,000. Co-operative programs with the private sectors and municipalities increased the budget by \$50,000 in 1981 to \$170,000, according to the release.

The 12 travel associations are expected to voice their concerns at a meeting in Toronto later this month when a new funding formula and new initiatives for the Ontario Travel Association Program will be announced.

COTA president Bill Smith and executive director Aldo Campagnolo are expected to attend the meeting.

Fire damages cottage

Local brigade mans pumps, douses flames

Quick action by volunteer firemen from Everitt's marina at Kennis Lake saved a cottage from being destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. The cottage, located on the north side of the lake, was heavily damaged however.

The blaze was discovered by a passing motorist, who noticed that a large part of the roof was bare of snow and drove up the driveway to investigate. Observing that the windows were blackened with smoke, he contacted Dysart firemen and the brigade at Everitt's marina.

Portable pumps kept at the marina were brought to the scene and started before the door of the cottage was opened to get at the blaze, a tactic which helped keep the fire in check.

A section of floor in the single storey wood frame cottage had burned through,

but no other significant structural damage was evident.

Firemen poured water on the floor area and wet down the wooden walls to ensure that fire had not spread undetected into the shell of the structure.

No one was in the cottage at the time of the blaze. Renovations to the structure were being carried out by an area contractor, who said at the scene that he had not been at the site for two days at the time of the blaze. The fire appeared to have started in a chesterfield in the centre of the living room. The cottage was owned by Ken Hume.

The blaze was under control by the time Dysart firemen arrived at the scene, 21 road miles from the fire station. They assisted in the mopping up operation.

Echo will not publish December 30 issue

In order that our employees may enjoy a brief holiday at Christmas, the Haliburton County Echo will not publish between Christmas and New Years. Our office will be closed from Thursday, December 24 through Thursday, December 30. The issue of December 23, will, as usual, contain a special Christmas greeting section with messages from businesses and individuals throughout Haliburton County.

Publication will resume Wednesday, January 6, and our normal deadlines for display and classified advertising, (5 p.m. Monday of the week of publication) will apply for that issue.

Dysart seeks aid

Assessment appeals cut revenue, council asks for an explanation

Dysart et al may get financial assistance from the province to offset revenue lost because of assessment review court decisions. Regional assessment commissioner Ivor James told council Monday that he is preparing a report on Dysart's situation, and that he expects some form of aid will be forthcoming once the facts have been presented at Queen's Park.

James attended the meeting to answer council's questions about the consequences of opting for equalized assessment under Section 86 of The Assessment Act. The system, adopted by most municipalities throughout the province, does not change overall assessment, but adjusts assessments within property classes to eliminate inequities.

In presentations prior to the change, council was told that assessment appeals could reduce anticipated revenue in 1981 by one or one and a half per cent. In practice however, appeals upheld by the assessment review court have reduced the municipalities' revenues by almost four per cent. The biggest single factor in Dysart's current plight has been the court's decision to uphold an appeal from Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

The court ordered the municipality to refund \$34,347.46 to the company, which owns several thousand acres of recreational land in Havelock Township.

As a result of the company's appeal, and appeals from a number of other individuals, the municipality will be short approximately \$40,000 on projected 1981 revenue, revee Murray Fearrey told James.

That may not sound like a lot to you people," Fearrey said, "but it's a lot to a small municipality."

If other large landowners decided to press appeals, and if the assessment review court upheld them, the municipality could lose a further \$50,000 in tax revenue, the revee estimated.

"I think that's quite a substantial blow to be dealt in one year," Fearrey said. He noted that if the pattern was going to be repeated in future years, "it's high time the ministry (of revenue) gave us some assistance."

James defended the estimates of a one to 1.5 per cent loss in revenue that had been given to council when equalized assessment under Section 86 was first considered.

"That still holds in just about every other municipality," he said. But, he added "nobody dreamed of acreage the size of Haliburton Forest and Wildlife, and what

the review court would do." The assessment branch has appealed the review court decision with the Ontario Municipal Board, James said.

"We'll do our best to bring it back in whole, or as much as we can get," he said.

Council's main concern is that a similar situation could arise next year, making it difficult for the municipality to set a mill rate that will give it to the revenue it needs to carry out its annual budget.

James noted that council will have to take the decisions of the assessment review court into consideration when it sets a budget and mill rates for 1982.

But council was not satisfied, and continued to press for an explanation of why such a large discrepancy had

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Rail appeal rejected

'No new evidence' CTC tells Lindsay

An appeal from the Town of Lindsay for a new hearing into the closure of the Lindsay/Haliburton rail line has been rejected by the Canada Transport Commission because there is "no new evidence" to suggest the line should be kept open.

The appeal was launched in a last ditch effort to stop the line from being torn up.

Dysart et al revee Murray Fearrey, who told his council of the latest CTC decision at a meeting Monday, said he could not disagree with the CTC's statement that there is no evidence for keeping the line open other than that which was presented at the original hearing more than a year ago.

He added, however, that the province may still attempt to persuade the CTC that the

line should be left in place rather than torn up and sold for scrap.

If the line is removed, the right-of-way will be offered first to the province, then to the municipalities through which it passes. Council indicated Monday that it will try to acquire title to the portion of the line in Dysart et al.

The Haliburton County Board of Education has already indicated to council that it would like to purchase the portion of the right-of-way adjacent to the playing field at the high school.

While no formal decision on the matter was made at Monday's meeting, council indicated that if it gets title to the entire right-of-way it will probably lease the board the section in question rather than sell it outright.



There were smiles in abundance Saturday afternoon at the Glamorgan Community Centre when Santa paid a brief visit. This youngster was one of dozens who told Santa what they wanted for Christmas.



Dysart et al firemen were called to the scene of a blaze at Kennis Lake last Thursday that damaged a cottage. Here Buck Baker breaks a window to let smoke out of a room and allow a hose to be trained on the interior of the structure.



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Wilberforce Christmas Lunch: Friday Dec. 8, noon - 2 p.m.
Where: Wilberforce Legion, RSVP by Dec. 1 - \$15
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5th Annual Oxtongue Lake Community Christmas Tree Lighting

When: Dec. 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Snow date - Sunday, Dec. 3)
Where: Oxtongue Lake Community Centre
The event starts with a welcome at 5:30 p.m., tree lighting and carolling will take place at 6 p.m., followed by Warm Up and Social Time at 6:30 p.m. Join in the fun with a special guest tree lighter, carolling, hot chocolate, hot apple cider and snacks. All are welcome!
Contact Marlene Kyle at 705-635-9816 for more information.

Christmas Luncheon

When: Friday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden,
Bucket draw, bake sale, Santa squares, 50/50 tickets - Admission \$5 (Snow date Dec. 2)

Santa's Workshop Craft Sale, hosted by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild.

When: Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.
Large variety of gift ideas from knitted items, jewellery, art, stained glass, candles, wreaths, gingerbread cookies, fruitcake, crafts and more. Something for everyone. Lunch provided by St. Margaret's Anglican Church. Free tea and coffee all day.

The Nutcracker

When: Saturday, Dec. 2 (2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 3 (2 p.m.)
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, HHSS, Haliburton
Tickets available online starting Nov. 11: https://www.onstagedirect.com/buy/event_info.action?eventId=730
Ukrainian dancers are back again this year to join Heritage Ballet in their annual Christmas performance.

Winter Festival and Farmers' Market

When: Saturday, Dec. 2, 12 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton
Together with the Haliburton County Farmers' Market, we are hosting a winter festival and farmers' market. Local shopping, kids activities, seasonal foods and Christmas trees.

Contact information: For more information, contact Cara Steele, cara@abbeygardens.ca, (705) 754 4769. www.abbeygardens.ca.

Making Moccasins

When: Dec. 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Where: Carnarvon
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Contact: Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors 705-754-3436 or info@yoursoutdoors.ca

Light in the Darkness: A "Blue Christmas" Service for those experiencing grief & sorrow.

When: Dec. 3, 2 p.m.
Where: St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Haliburton
This service is open to everyone. It is being prepared by representatives from various Christian denominations. There will be prayer, music, and reflections followed by snacks and refreshments.

Kinmount, Let it Glow, Christmas Tree Lighting

When: Thursday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Kinmount Train Station
Carolling, bonfire and treats. Free photo with Santa

Fill a cruiser for the food bank

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A good opportunity to really get into the spirit of the season is coming up here next week on Saturday, Dec. 9. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. you can help "Fill A Cruiser." An OPP cruiser will be parked near the door at the Wilberforce Foodland with a constable and helpers there to accept donations of food for the food banks in Wilberforce and Cardiff villages. So plan to be there with generous donations. Perhaps we can match last year's generosity when I believe you filled the cruiser more than once!

Congregations at St. Margaret's and St. George's Anglican churches received some surprising news at their services last Sunday. Their minister of close to nine years the Reverend Canon Anne Moore announced that she will be retiring on Dec. 31 this year. There were tears and hugs as well as best wishes for happiness. Rev.

Anne will greatly missed.

Don't miss Santa's Christmas Craft Sale which is coming up on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free coffee and tea. Presented by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild for programs at the Outpost Museum. St. Margaret's workers will have chili and biscuits, pizza, sandwiches, muffins, etc., available for snacks and lunch. Come to shop to lunch and to meet your friends.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. the Lloyd Watson Centre becomes a concert hall. A Christmas concert of music with a community choir, readings and some surprises. Lots of opportunities to sing as well as listen. Light refreshments will top this program organized by United Church members.

Several from this area greatly enjoyed the hymn sing at St. George's Haliburton last Wednesday evening. Much to his surprise and delight 75 singers from area choirs accepted choir master Bill Gliddon's invitation to take part in this program. They sang special numbers and led the audience in others for a fine well received evening of music. Thanks Bill and all of your recruits. And if you enjoyed Mark Bramham's trumpet pieces you can hear more of him as he accompanies organists Judy, Wayne or Bill at St. Margaret's most Sunday mornings at 11:15 a.m.

Church filled with heavenly voices

community news
west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

It's only personal news this time. If it's too little or too boring, try your hand at writing it - it may be worth reading! In my little kitchen preparations have begun for Dec. 25. My Christmas cake has been baked; cards have begun to be sent. I'm up to the end of the C's now. Shopping likewise has been done at the kitchen table, thanks to organizations such as CBM - Christian Blind Mission and Foster Parents Plan of Canada supplying a way to be a support to worthy causes as well as to give something significant to loved ones.

Other news: the annual craft and bake sale was a huge success on Saturday at the Centre. Shantel Morrison reports that 45 vendors took advantage of the event to demonstrate and sell their goods. For your future refer-

ence Shantel's phone number is 705-854-0849.

West Guilford Baptist Church was well represented at the big choir night at St. George's Church on Nov. 22. Hymns both old and new were sung in hearty voice by choir and audience people alike who love to sing. We were favoured by good weather which contributed to a packed church. The event left us with people wanting more than the hour and a half of singing.

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No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for maintenance of the road (Highway Traffic Act, RSO, 1990, c. H.8).

Please be sure to keep the snow back away from the roadway when clearing your driveway, entrance and mail box. This is to avoid creating a hazard for the travelling public.

Cooperation in these matters is appreciated to ensure the safety of others and efficient winter maintenance of County and Municipal Roads.

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Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact Lindsay at 705-457-5345 or lindsayk@pointintime.ca



Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please Join Us At 1:00 pm

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

for the

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Annual General Meeting

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With Sincere Thanks

The families of the late Henrietta (Henie) Holland and I wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the medical team: Dr. Michael Armstrong, the nurses and support staff and especially those who provided exceptional care and support in the Palliative Care Unit at Haliburton Highlands Health Services. How very much we appreciated the newly finished Palliative Care Facility – and thank you Haliburton Community for making this possible.

Thank you Dwaine and Lori Lloyd of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for all your assistance with arrangements and formalities.

Thank you to Pastor Brian Plouffe, the Royal Canadian Legion Br 129 and the Ladies Auxiliary, Ron Murphy and Canoe FM.

To everyone near and far who expressed love and caring, before and after by sending flowers, plants, cards, food and the many visits to our courageous Henie during her final weeks, and to those who helped us make the Celebration of Henie's Life a memorable occasion, my deepest appreciation.

Irvin Holland



650 OBITUARIES

MADILL, DENNIS FRANK KEITH

Passed away suddenly at his home in Kanata, Ontario on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at age 69.

Beloved husband of Margaret (Melhuish). Son of the late Frank Madill and Betty Madill (Howe) of Haliburton. Father of cherished son Kevin Madill and daughter-in-law Vinita Madill (Marwaha). Siblings Tim Madill (wife: Brenda) and Christine Reeve (husband: Brian). Dennis also leaves behind numerous sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and nieces and nephews who will deeply miss him.

Dennis met Margaret almost exactly 50 years ago. They married four years later. They loved to spend time at home and often went camping or to cottages during the summer months. Dennis was proud of his long career as a civil servant with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. He was an avid gardener, and loved history, animals, and watching sports. Many of his family members and relatives have fond memories of Dennis' easy manner as he stood at the barbeque on summer evenings.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at Trinity United Church, 360 Reid Street, Peterborough.

As an expression of sympathy a donation to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family, in lieu of flowers.

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*Our thoughts go wandering,
When daylight fades.
To the land of long ago.
And memory paints the scenes of old,
In the gold of the twilight glow.
We seem to see in the soft dim light,
The faces we loved the best,
And think of them when the sun's last ray,
Goes down in the far off west.*

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(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

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Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Crystal, Derrick, Lucas, Rachel, Jennifer, Daphne, David, Liam and by her many great grandchildren. Dear sister of Arlene (Jim Scheffee). Also lovingly remembered by her nephew Greg, her nieces Lianne and Teressa. Marilyn worked for the Bank of Montreal for many years in various positions. She enjoyed cross country skiing, snow shoeing, crafts, knitting and most of all her family.

Visitation, Celebration of Life & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday morning, November 29, 2017 for a Celebration of Life Service at 11 o'clock in the Chapel. Visitation one hour prior. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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